

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Keane
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Lt. Col. Patrick Keane was born in Alameda, Calif. and grew up in Boulder Creek, Calif. Upon graduation from high school, he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. Lt. Col. Keane graduated in June 1991 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Armor branch.

Lt. Col. Keane was first assigned as platoon leader with the 1-72 Armor Regiment in the Republic of Korea. He then joined the 177th Armored Brigade (OPFOR) at the National Training Center in California. As the Motorized Rifle Company Commander he won the "Tiger Jack Award", which is given to the finest tactical leader in the OPFOR Regiment.

Lt. Col. Keane left the OPFOR Regiment in 1996 to attend the Armor Officer Advanced Course. Upon completion from the course, he was assigned to the Divisional Cavalry Squadron for the 3rd Infantry Division as the Assistant S-3 and Commander of A Troop, 3-7 CAV.

In 1999, Lt. Col. Keane was selected to attend the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) program, a course designed to train U.S. Army officers to work in foreign countries and advise senior U.S. military and civilian leaders on regional issues. He was selected to be a regional expert on Southeast Asia with a specialty in Vietnam. In Aug. 2002, Lt. Col. Keane was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam, and in April 2003, he assumed responsibility for the U.S. Humanitarian Assistance/Demining Program.

In Dec. 2003, Lt. Col. Keane was selected to attend the Australian Command and Staff College. Upon completion of the course, he was assigned to the Office of Defense Cooperation in Australia, where he managed the U.S. military's largest Foreign Military Sales Program and served as the Army, Navy, and Air Force Programs Manager.

In 2008, Lt. Col. Keane was assigned to the Army Staff G3/5/7-FAO Proponent Asia. During this time, he developed strategies and long term requirements for the U.S. Army's FAO Program.

In the summer of 2009, Lt. Col. Keane deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, where he developed the International Security Assistance Force Border Strategy. This strategy was developed closely with Afghan government authorities, the Afghan Border Police, Coalition Forces, and civilian agencies, and continues to be the basis for current operations and development programs along the Afghan border.

Lt. Col. Keane's awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (Three Oak Leaf clusters) and the Army Achievement Medals (Three Oak Leaf Clusters).

Lt. Col. Keane is married and has three sons.